

Editor's Note

Volume 10 of the *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* continues *PMAM*'s tradition of offering articles from a variety of disciplines and cultural settings. The essays in this issue represent a particularly wide range of scholarly approaches, from an historical investigation of Byzantine influences on the Grail motif to essays using the methodologies of linguistics, narrative theology, cultural studies, and cognitive theory. As always, this diversity of subject and approach reflects the rich blend of interests that come together in the Medieval Association of the Midwest.

This volume marks the beginning of my role as co-editor. I attempt the difficult job of filling the vacancy left open by Karen Moranski, whose other responsibilities made it impossible for her to continue with her outstanding contribution to MAM. I wish to thank both Karen and my continuing co-editor Mel Storm for their guidance in preparing this issue. I hope that I have been able to live up to their high standards.

My gratitude also goes to the contributors, who showed great patience in working with me as I made my way through the process of editing this journal for the first time. Likewise, I wish to thank our readers for this volume, who included William Clamurro, Girard J. Etzkorn, Paul Freedman, John B. Friedman, Carlos Hawley-Colón, Laura Hodges, Susan Kendrick, Christopher Kleinhenz, Desirée Koslin, Russell J. Meyer, Richard Ring, and Edward Ridsen. I offer thanks also to Kent State University Salem Campus and to Dean Jeffrey Nolte, who has been gracious in providing me both financial and moral support.

Finally, it is with sadness that I thank Robert L. Kindrick, who served so long and so faithfully as Executive Secretary of MAM before his untimely passing this year. In offering me the opportunity to become editor, he showed faith in my abilities and my commitment to the organization. I dedicate this issue to him.

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Note on Submissions

Continuing the editorial policy that was extended three years ago to include papers written by MAM members, even if the papers are not presented at MAM conferences or conjoint sessions, the Council invites and encourages all members to submit their work to be considered for publication in future volumes. Submissions for Volume 11, prepared in MLA style, should be addressed to:

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